

In the Specification

Paragraph beginning at page 8, line 9 has been amended as follows:

– Referring to FIGURES 3B and 3C, each well 302 has two overlapping circular wells 302a and 302b both of which are located in a plane parallel to the top planar surface 308. In particular, the The first well 302a has a relatively small concaved reservoir 314 capable of receiving a protein solution and a reagent solution. And, the second well 302b has a relatively large reservoir 316 capable of receiving a reagent solution that has a higher concentration than the reagent solution deposited in the first well 302a. In particular, the first well 302a and the second well 302b share a wall 320 that physically separates the small concaved reservoir 314 from the large reservoir 316 in a manner that the small concaved reservoir 314 still has a portion of itself not counting the wall 320 or the space above the wall 320 that overlaps a portion of said second well 302b.

As a result of the configuration and placement of the first well 302a and the second well 302b, the protein solution and the reagent solution deposited in the first well 302a can interact with the reagent solution deposited in the second well 302b via a vapor diffusion process which enables the formation of protein crystals within the first well 302a. It should be noted that after depositing the protein solution and the reagent solutions, the openings of the wells 302 are covered by a seal such as an adhesive seal or a heat seal which can help to prevent excessive evaporation of the solutions. –